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**FIFTH ARMY GROUP, NORTH KOREA****ABSTRACT**

1. This report locates and delineates the major army units subordinate to the North Korean Fifth Army Group. The report is based on analysis of photographic coverage from October 1972 to February 1974 and contains a location map, a photograph, and a table.

**INTRODUCTION**

2. The North Korean Fifth Army Group protects the security of the central sector of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) and commands five infantry divisions, one of which is held in reserve. The units directly subordinate to the Fifth Army Group (excluding the five infantry divisions) consist of an army group headquarters, a tank regiment, a rocket launcher brigade, a motorized infantry regiment, an engineer battalion, a vehicle repair battalion, a transportation battalion, two artillery regiments, and a field artillery training area. One artillery regiment is within the Southwest Infantry Division and is reported with that division.

3. This report is the sixth and final in a series<sup>1-5</sup> on the Fifth Army Group and is designed to realign the boundaries of the existing Basic Encyclopedia (BE) point targets into BE target areas. The realignment of the boundaries has been coordinated with DIA and CIA analysts, and appropriate BE action has been taken by DIA. In the future the entire Fifth Army Group will be reported under the BE numbers now assigned to each of the headquarters areas: Fifth Army Group [redacted], North Infantry Division [redacted], East Infantry Division [redacted], Southeast Infantry Division [redacted], Southwest Infantry Division [redacted], and West Infantry Division [redacted]. The area nomenclatures (except for the Fifth Army Group) and boundaries have been arbitrarily assigned for reporting purposes.

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4. Subsequent reports will follow, as time and manpower permit, on all divisions in the Second Army Group. Supplemental reports on the Fifth Army Group will follow when significant changes are observed within the reported areas.

**BASIC DESCRIPTION**

5. The Fifth Army Group (Figures 1 and 2), whose mission is to protect the central portion of the DMZ, is one of three army groups subordinate to the Army Command. The Fifth Army Group occupies the area extending north to 38-50N 127-20E, east to 38-21N 127-35E, and west to 38-22N 127-47E. The adjacent defense sectors are the First Army Group to the east and the Second Army Group to the west. The table lists those units directly subordinate to the Fifth Army Group, their geographic coordinates, and associated BE numbers. The areas listed below are keyed to Figures 1 and 2.

**Sangjok-tong Army Barracks and Headquarters Army Group**

6. The army group headquarters (area A) consists of 22 barracks, 152 quarters, 20 administration buildings, two messhalls, three vehicle sheds, and numerous support/storage buildings.

**Pokkye-ri Headquarters Tank Regiment and Barracks Area East**

7. This tank regiment consists of three areas (areas B, B1, and B2). Area B, a tank battalion at 38-26-23N 127-18-04E, contains three administration buildings, ten barracks, six quarters, one messhall, 16 storage/support buildings, and four tunnel-served firing positions with a reverse-slope tunnel entrance. Area B1, a tank battalion at 38-18-35N 126-58-21E, contains five barracks, one messhall, six support buildings, and four tunnel-served firing positions with a blastshield-protected, reverse-slope tunnel entrance. Area B2, a tank battalion at 38-36-40N 127-19-02E, contains 11 barracks, two messhalls, two auditoriums, two vehicle sheds, 18 storage/support buildings, two large C-shaped buildings, one four-position light AAA site, and four tunnel-served firing positions with a blastshield-protected, reverse-slope tunnel entrance.

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FIGURE 1. LAYOUT OF FIFTH ARMY GROUP, NORTH KOREA

Units of Fifth Army Group  
(Areas Keyed to Figures 1 and 2)

Area	Unit	Installation & BE	Geographic Coordinates
A	Army group headquarters	Sangjok-tong Army Bks and Hq AG	38-29-35N 127-20-27E
B	Tank regiment (three areas)	Pokkye-ri Hq Tk Regt and Bks Area East	38-26-23N 127-18-04E
C	Rocket launcher brigade (five areas)	Changpo-ri Mil and Trng Area NNW	38-21-00N 127-01-10E
D	Motorized infantry regiment	Sampo Bks Area East	38-31-30N 127-22-30E
E	Engineer battalion	Ichon Engineer Barracks Area	38-27-17N 126-50-00E
F	Vehicle repair battalion	Sepo-up Vehicle Repair and Storage Depot	38-37-40N 127-17-35E
G	Transportation battalion	Korhwa Military Camp West	38-26-25N 126-50-48E
H	Artillery regiment	Sepo-up Military Area WNW	38-39-45N 126-16-50E
J	Field artillery training area (two areas)	Paeknong F.A. Barracks and Training Area	38-35-30N 127-22-12E

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8. This rocket launcher brigade consists of five separate battalion areas (areas C, C1, C2, C3, and C4). Area C, a rocket launcher battalion at 38-21-00N 127-01-10E, consists of one administration building, four barracks, one vehicle shed, one messhall, three support buildings, and four tunnel-served firing positions with a reverse-slope tunnel entrance. Area C1, a rocket launcher battalion at 38-28-12N 127-09-56E, consists of one administration building, 25 barracks/quarters, one messhall, and 12 tunnel-served firing positions (four under construction). Area C2, a rocket launcher battalion at 38-23-06N 127-07-12E, consists of 16 quarters/barracks, four support buildings, and two tunnel entrances protected by blastshields. Area C3, a rocket launcher battalion at 38-27-35N 127-19-00E, consists of five barracks, one quarters, four vehicle sheds, one messhall, five support/storage buildings, and four tunnel entrances connected to 12 vehicle, revetments. Area C4, a rocket launcher battalion at 38-26-30N 127-29-50E, consists of 17 barracks/quarters and four tunnel-served firing positions with a reverse-slope tunnel entrance.

**Sampo Barracks Area East**

9. This motorized infantry regiment (area D), at 38-31-40N 127-22-45E, consists of two barracks, 15 barracks/quarters, 13 quarters, and five support buildings.

**Ichon Engineer Barracks Area**

10. This engineer battalion (area E), at 38-27-17N 126-50-00E, consists of one administration building, nine barracks, four vehicle sheds, a messhall, and nine support buildings.

**Sepo-up Vehicle Repair and Storage Depot**

11. This vehicle repair battalion (area F), at 38-37-40N 127-17-35E, consists of one administration building, 47 quarters, six vehicle repair/maintenance buildings, and 21 support/shop buildings.

**Korhwa Military Camp West**

12. This transportation battalion (area G), at 38-26-25N 126-50-48E, consists of 87 quarters and support buildings and three large tunnel entrances under construction.

**Sepo-up Military Area West-Northwest**

13. This artillery headquarters (area H), at 38-39-45N 126-16-50E, contains one headquarters building, two administration buildings, 18 barracks, 73 quarters, three messhalls, five vehicle storage sheds, numerous support/storage buildings, and two four-gun artillery positions (one with a reverse-slope tunnel entrance).

**Paekpong FA Barracks and Training Area**

14. This field artillery training area consists of two separate areas (areas J and J1). Area J, at 38-35-30N 127-22-12E, contains two administration buildings, 12 barracks, 24 quarters, two messhalls, 19 storage/support buildings, a small-arms firing range with a range control building and 13 target runs, and two four-gun firing positions with reverse-slope tunnel entrances (one four-gun firing position is tunnel served). Area J1, at 38-31-12N 127-21-20E, contains 12 barracks, 15 barracks/quarters, 13 quarters, 16 storage/support buildings, and four tunnel-served artillery revetments.

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